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Objective II d.

"The strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet (including Satellite) economy, with particular reference to its ability to support a major war; the motivation, character, and magnitude of current economic development programs, their implementation and their effect upon the capabilities and vulnerabilities of the Soviet and Satellite internal communications system."

Background

A continuing study is being made of Bulgarian transport capability to meet the demands of increasing industrialization and possible support to aggressive military action. It is essential that accurate transport statistics be obtained, particularly in rail transport. These statistics must of necessity be the most comprehensive statistics available on Bulgarian transport in order to make accurate assessment of transport capability.

Basic Guidance

It is believed that there is in existence a statistical compilation of the Bulgarian Railroads Inventory, Traffic, and Operations. A compilation such as this would be highly classified from a security standpoint and would therefore have limited distribution to officials in the Ministry of Transport or possibly the Central Planning Bureau.

The study would contain inventory figures for locomotives (by type), passenger cars and freight cars (by type); performance figures in terms of tons hauled, passengers hauled, ton/kilometers, average length of haul of freight, freight car loadings, fuel consumption figures, etc. This compilation would probably cover the period from 1951 to 1955 or 1956 and should represent the most complete and accurate compilation of Bulgarian transport statistics available.

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Location of this target would probably be in the offices of ranking officials in the Ministry of Transport, the Central Planning Bureau, or possibly in Regional Transport Offices. Copies are certainly limited and highly classified.

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| 1. | Statistical Compilation of Bulgarian Railroad Inventory and Operation | Ministry of Transport Central Planning Bureau Regional Transport Offices |

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